

Sinclair Broadcasting should give their stations a choice about whether or not to broadcast the anti-Kerry documentary. They should not be allowed to use the airways to promote a political agenda this would be an upset to the notion of free and equal access to the airways. Stop Sinclair before it's too late to uphold the free speech doctrine that this country was founded on. To me free speech means allowing a variety of opinions and viewpoints grace the airwaves. Sinclair is using it's vast resources to undermine this notion by treating the airwaves as its own private entity.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.